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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MO IS EG SY

SUBJ: MEETING WITH FON MIN LARAKI: MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING JANUARY 15 MEETING WITH FONMIN LARAKI, HE RAISED MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND INDICATED THAT THINGS NOT TO HIS LIKING, NOT ONLY IN MIDEAST BUT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW, AND AT PRESIDENT'S SUBSEQUENT DECLARATION, RE USE OF FORCE IN SITUATION OF ECONOMIC EXTREMIS. THESE REMARKS, HE BELIEVED, COULD MAKE SITUATION MORE DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY FOR EGYPT.

2. SADAT'S POSITION, MINISTER CONTINUED, WAS DELICATE IN THAT DIFFICULT FOR EGYPT, GIVEN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH SYRIA, TO MOVE TOWARDS PEACE ON ONE FRONT WITHOUT HAVING SOMETHING TO SHOW ON OTHERS AS WELL. THUS, IN LARAKI'S VIEW, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI DOES NOT APPEAR PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY UNLESS IT ACCOMPANIED BY SOME CONCESSION ON GOLAN AND PALESTINIAN PROBLEMS. MOROCCO HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED STEP BY STEP APPROACH, LARAKI CONTENDED, BUT AT THIS JUNCTURE THERE MUST BE PARALLEL

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ADVANCES ON ALL FRONTS. IF THERE WERE SOME PROGRESS, HOWEVER LITTLE,

ACROSS THE BOARD, THEN PARTIES COULD RETURN TO GENEVA WITH SOVIET AND EGYPTIAN FACES SAVED. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, SADAT'S LATITUDE CIRCUMSCRIBED.

3. WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW, LARAKI SAID, WHAT SYRIANS THINK OF PRESENT SITUATION. SYRIAN MILITARY BETTER EQUIPPED THAN EGYPTIANS, AND IF ISRAELI ATTACKS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON CONTINUED, HE SAID HE COULD NOT SEE HOW SYRIANS COULD CONTINUE TO STAND BY.

4. US, LARAKI ARGUED, SHOULD "DO SOMETHING" ABOUT PLO. WHETHER WE LIKED THAT ORGANIZATION OR NOT (LARAKI INDICATED THAT HE PERSONALLY DID NOT), ITS STATURE IN WORLD WAS UNDOUBTEDLY GROWING AND THIS FACT MUST BE RECOGNIZED.  
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